

REMARKS


Claims 6-12 are pending in the application. Claim 6 has been amended. Claim 12 is a new claim.

Claim 6 has been broadened by deleting reference to the destructible sticker. New claim 12 has been added to include this limitation couched in terms of scraping and elevated temperature that are supported on page 9 at lines 6-7. Claim 6 has been amended to recite the use of a base and pestle to apply the label to the compact disk, for example, as showing Fig. 3.

Claims 6-12 stand rejected under §102(b) as being anticipated by Kahle (US 5,518,325). Kahle '325 describes a preferred arrangement where a printer prints directly onto a compact disk, i.e., the recording medium (col. 2, lines 19-21). Alternatively, a label or tag may be printed separately and then attached to the compact disk (col. 2, lines 19-24). The label may be printed directly on the compact disk (col. 9, lines 2-6) or separately and later attached to the compact disk by a computer-automated mechanical device (col. 9 lines 31-36). Kahle '325 is silent as to the use of a pestle and base to attach the label on the disk, and only describes the use of an automated mechanism. Therefore, Kahle '325 does not teach or suggest the use of a base and pestle as is presently claimed. Furthermore, Kahle '325 does not teach or suggest the claimed use of a destructible label that is designed not to be removed except by scraping or elevated temperature, as is now recited in claim 12.

Applicants' attorney respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance in this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees to deposit account 12-600. Applicants' attorney urges Examiner Fridie to telephone if a conversation could expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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